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**BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY  
CONTRACTORS OF CALIFORNIA**

Dear Member of the California Bridge Construction Industry:

The California Bridge Construction Forum Committee wishes to invite you to the 2007 forums. We are excited about the broad discussion topics this year's forum covers and their critical under-pinning to the appropriate forum theme of "Surviving a 100+ Billion Dollar Decade." The forums will include an address by the Chief Engineer, Rick Land, and will again devote time to a Caltrans Management Panel open discussion featuring the corporate Project Delivery Division Chiefs that directly report to the Chief Engineer. The details for the California 2007 Bridge Construction Forum sponsored by the Department of Transportation Offices of Structure Construction (OSC) are included below.

These four specific topics are scheduled for discussion:

- 1) **Structure Specifications** – Specifications have evolved substantially in complexity and allocated risk onto industry. Uniform contract enforcement and administration cannot be achievable without technical clarity and simplification. How can the specification (or the development process) be improved? How do specifications consider administration, prices, risk, supplier attraction, and ingenuity?
- 2) **Structure Economics** – What are the critical concerns regarding Partial Payments, CCOs, and Material on Hand as they affect cash flow? For Example, bridge Contractors expend significant capital in falsework and shoring prior to any payment. Discussion on this and more.
- 3) **Structure Materials** – This will be open discussion on "prequalification" of material and processes, as well as developing (marketing) more suppliers willing to bid on Caltrans work. Will there be the materials and suppliers necessary for the billions of dollars targeted for transportation improvements?
- 4) **Structure Bidding and the Construction Environment** – How do different geographical locations affect bidding? Will contractors be ready for the work generated by the billions of dollars heading toward transportation infrastructure? Will Caltrans be faced again with a bidder shortage? How could this be improved?

There are two forums scheduled. The first is February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007 in Sacramento at the Civic Center Galleria, located on 1110 West Capital Ave, West Sacramento. The second is March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in San Diego at the new District 11 office, located at 4050 Taylor Street, San Diego. The Forums will start at 8:00a.m. with check in beginning at 7:30a.m. The Forums will conclude at 4:30 p.m.

Similar to past forums, there will be opportunities for networking and a working lunch. During check in \$15.00 will be collected to cover the cost of the lunch and refreshments.

This year the agenda will again include an open discussion with a Caltrans Management Panel whose members will include: Rick Land, Chief Engineer; Bob Buckley, Chief, Division of Engineering Services; Bob Pieplow, Chief, Division of Construction; Robert Copp, Chief, Division of Traffic Operations; Mark Leja, Chief, Division of Design; and Jay Norvell, Chief, Division of Environmental Analysis. This is your opportunity to interact and share your "Bridge" perspectives with the Department's corporate management outside OSC.

The agenda of the Bridge Construction Forum is attached. Please note that if time allows, we will open the floor to any other issues the forum attendees wish to address.

Please return the attached form for our final planning purposes.

We look forward to your attendance at the forum. If you have any questions about the forums, you may contact Ken Bocchicchio at either (949) 724-2059 or by Email [kbocchic@dot.ca.gov](mailto:kbocchic@dot.ca.gov), or Jeff Abercrombie at either (559) 444-2442 or by Email [jabercro@dot.ca.gov](mailto:jabercro@dot.ca.gov)

Sincerely,

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Deputy Division Chief  
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cc: Richard D. Land, Chief Engineer  
Robert Pieplow, Division of Construction  
Robert L. Buckley, Division of Engineering Services  
Mark Leja, Division of Design  
Jay Norvell, Division of Environmental Analysis  
Robert Copp, Division of Traffic Operations

# Surviving a 100+ Billion Dollar Decade

## 2007 California Bridge Construction Forum RSVP

In order to make final arrangements for the 2007 California Bridge Construction Forum, you are requested to furnish the following information to **Marlene Bryant** either by telephone at (916) 227-8849 or (916) 227-7777, fax (916) 227-8179, or e-mail [Marlene\\_Bryant@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Marlene_Bryant@dot.ca.gov) before **February 14, 2007**, to register your attendance.

Contractor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate below the number of attendees from your company, the locations they will attend. So we can check each one in, please include their names and Email address if possible.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sacramento, February 21, 2007

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\_\_\_\_\_ San Diego, March 7, 2007

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Thank you in advance for your timely response.